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**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, and in compliance with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant submits the attached Form PTO/SB/08B (modified) for consideration and request the references cited therein be made of record by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO") in the above-captioned application.

Applicant respectfully points out that the submission of the listed references in the attached Form PTO/SB/08B is not an admission that they are prior art or that they are material to patentability of any claims of the application. Also, the submission of this Information Disclosure Statement ("IDS") is not an indication that a search has been made by Applicant.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(ii), copies of U.S. patents and/or U.S. patent application publications cited on the attached Form PTO/SB/08B are not being provided.

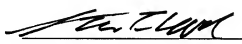
Consideration of the foregoing plus the prompt return of a copy of the attached Form PTO/SB/08B with the Examiner's initials in the left column in accordance with MPEP 609 are respectfully requested.

The attached documents were cited in the European Search Report dated May 10, 2011 of the co-pending Application No. EP 11 15 2976 and relevance as asserted by the Searching Authority is indicated on the enclosed copy of the Search Report.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), this IDS is being filed after the issuance of a non-final Office Action. Accordingly, the USPTO is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0206 in the amount of \$180.00 as set forth in § 1.17(p). In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the USPTO charges, please charge or credit any difference to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

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